

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Karl Storz, et al.
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Title of Application	Abrasive Or Cutting Instrument
Group Art Unit	Examiner

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Kindly enter this preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee for this case.

In the Claims

1. (Amended) An [Abrasive or cutting] instrument comprising a tube with a rotating blade [having] and abrasive or cutting region] at [its] a distal end of said tube, and adapted for a[, which is connected via a tube to the] drive unit [disposed] at a [in the] proximal [region] end of the instrument, [with] a suction passage [being] provided in said tube for exhausting tissue particles, and [characterized in that] an [additional] irrigation passage [is] provided in said tube through which an irrigation liquid is passed to the distal end for cleaning the blade and for assistance in exhausting [the severed or abraded] tissue particles.

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